

IC 12-11-8

Chapter 8. Institute for Autism

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"Autism" defined

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "autism" means a neurological disorder that is described in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition, Washington, D.C., American Psychiatric Association, 1994, pages 70 and 71.

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.151-1995, SEC.5; P.L.107-1997, SEC.2.

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Autism resource center

Sec. 2. The Developmental Training Center at Indiana University in Bloomington shall operate an autism resource center to be known as the institute for autism.

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.5.

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Duties; statewide needs assessment; report of assessment results

Sec. 3. (a) The institute for autism in cooperation with the appropriate state agencies shall do the following:

- (1) Provide informational services about autism.
- (2) Provide an information system for services provided to individuals with autism and their families by federal, state, local, and private agencies.
- (3) Develop a data base from information received by the division, the division of mental health and addiction, the department of education, and the state department of health relative to the services provided to autistic individuals and their families.
- (4) Offer training and technical assistance to providers of services and families of individuals with autism.
- (5) Research methods for assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating programs for individuals with autism and their families.
- (6) Develop model curricula and resource materials for providers of services and families of individuals with autism.
- (7) Conduct one (1) time every three (3) years a statewide needs assessment study designed to determine the following:
 - (A) The status of services provided to autistic individuals and their families.
 - (B) The need for additional or alternative services for autistic individuals and their families.

(b) The institute for autism shall deliver to the general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 the results of the needs assessment study required by subsection (a)(7) before December 1 of each year in which the study is conducted.

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.1-1993, SEC.128;

P.L.215-2001, SEC.42; P.L.28-2004, SEC.94.